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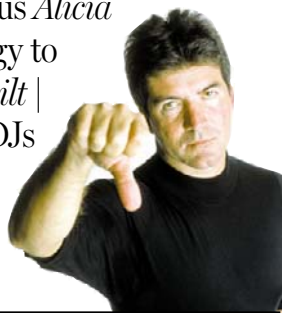
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REDSKINS | DROPPING THE BALL



SAME OL' TUNE: Redskins quarterback Tim Hasselbeck is sacked by New Orleans defensive end Charles Grant in Sunday's 24-20 loss to the Saints. For the third week in a row, the Redskins held a lead in the fourth quarter but failed to win. ♦ **Defense rests:** Another lost opportunity | page 14

Muhammad May Take Stand

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Convicted sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad could find himself in another courtroom this week, this time as a witness in the trial of his alleged partner in crime.

Lawyers for 18-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo have subpoenaed Muhammad and plan to call him to the stand this week. Whether he will be willing to testify remains to be seen, however.

Muhammad, whose trial ended last week with a death sentence recommendation, still faces prosecution in other states. Any testi-

mony by Muhammad in Malvo's trial could provide fodder for those prosecutions.

His attorneys also hope to get the death sentence overturned on appeal or reduced by the trial judge when Muhammad is formally sentenced in February.

Malvo prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. said last week that the chance Muhammad will take the stand in Malvo's case is "zero."

But Malvo's lawyer, Craig Cooley, said he had not received any notification from Muhammad's lawyers that they would try to quash the subpoena. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

46 Iraqis Killed in Clashes

U.S. troops repel coordinated roadside attacks in Samarra

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | In the deadliest reported firefight since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, U.S. soldiers fought back coordinated attacks Sunday using tanks, cannons and small arms in battles throughout the northern city of Samarra. The troops killed 46 Iraqi fighters, and five Americans were wounded.

Minutes later, two South Korean contractors were killed nearby in a roadside ambush in what U.S. officials called a new campaign aimed at undermining international support for the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq.

Lt. Col. William MacDonald of the 4th Infantry Division said attackers, many wearing uniforms of Saddam's Fedayeen militia, opened fire simultaneously on two U.S. supply convoys on opposite sides of Samarra.

After barricading a road, the attackers fired from rooftops and alleyways. U.S. troops responded with rifles, 120mm tank rounds and 25mm cannon fire from Bradley fighting vehicles, destroying three buildings the attackers were using. NIKO PRICE (AP)

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Soldiers secure the site of an ambush in Samarra.

MONEY | A Penny Saved ... After four decades of pinching pennies — a million in all — a Mifflin Co., Pa., man decided it was time to cash in his collection. It took several months of bank visits to bring in 37 buckets of pennies to be cashed, but by the end,



Lynn Wagner ended up with \$10,060. Before cashing in his collection, Wagner, 53, kept the pennies stacked in buckets in his garage. "Some people think that pennies don't add up to anything," his wife, Brenda, said, "but this is proof that they do." (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



SACHALALUTI/AP

ANIMAL WATCH Monkey, Business

A festival in Thailand on Sunday celebrated the power of the monkey to bring good fortune. Sponsored by a businessman who believes monkeys were behind his family's fruitful finances, the annual event has honored the precocious primates since 1989. During the celebration this year, some 200 monkeys roaming the Lopburi Province north of Bangkok were treated to a total of 4,400 pounds of fruit, as well as several types of soda and other treats. (AP)

CONTESTS No Place Like Homely

As more than 100 contestants prepared for the Miss World beauty contest in China, a group in Shanghai decided to hold a different kind of pageant—a “Miss Ugly” contest, with nearly \$12,000 in plastic surgery as its top prize. Fifty contestants participated, according to the Australian Associated Press. The Sunday Morning Post newspaper listed 26-year-old Zhang Di as the winner. She'll be transformed into “a totally different girl” within two weeks, the AAP says. (EXPRESS)



COLIN OWENS/THE CITIZEN/AP

COLLECTIBLES Legal Bobble

Cops in Covington, Ga., aren't afraid of getting big heads—in fact, that's the idea behind their program to benefit needy families. The Covington Police

Department has ordered up a batch of police-themed bobble-head dolls cast in the image of one of its very own patrol officers, Lt. Ken Malcom told the Newton Citizen. The dolls sell for \$10 each. (EXPRESS)

UPDATE Still Chillin'

Alaska's state fire marshal has put a freeze on construction of an ice hotel near Fairbanks, but the man behind the

subarctic architecture is still chipping away. Officials last month ordered a halt to construction of the planned Aurora Ice Hotel, citing unspecified public safety concerns. Creator Bernie Karl


had planned to charge guests \$878 for a two-person, two-night stay in the 30-foot high Gothic palace. Karl now says what he's building isn't a hotel, but one of Alaska's largest works of art. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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
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
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AQI Today: Not available

Pollen Index (Yesterday)

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SEARCH PARTY | HUNTING FOR CLUES



WITHOUT A TRACE: Zack Petrick, left, joins volunteers in Grand Forks, N.D., on Sunday as they search for University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, who has been missing for more than a week. The case has generated 800 leads, but no suspects.

S.D. Congressman's Trial Set to Begin

Rep. Bill Janklow faces manslaughter charges after deadly car crash

FLANDREAU, S.D. | Bill Janklow, a former four-term South Dakota governor and the state's only congressman, returns to his boyhood hometown Monday to face a trial that may decide his political future.

The 64-year-old is charged with

speeding, running a stop sign, reckless driving and manslaughter in an Aug. 16 accident that killed a motorcyclist at a rural intersection in South Dakota.

If convicted of manslaughter, he could face up to 10 years in prison, as well as a House ethics committee investigation.

The day of the crash, Janklow was driving 71 mph in a 55 mph zone when he ran a stop sign south

of Flandreau, putting his Cadillac into the path of a motorcycle, according to Moody County State's Attorney Bill Ellingson.

The motorcycle's rider, Randy Scott, a 55-year-old farmer, trucking business owner and volunteer firefighter from nearby Hardwick, Minn., died at the scene.

Janklow suffered a broken bone in one hand and bleeding on the brain in the crash. CARSON WALKER (AP)

U.S. to Move 100 Cuba Detainees

Men set for release from Guantanamo base may still face charges

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO | More than 100 men and boys will be transferred in the next two months from the U.S. jail for terrorism suspects in Cuba, including a teenager who allegedly killed an American special operations soldier, a U.S. military official said.

The first of two new transfers is scheduled for the end of December, and the other in January, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The detainees would be released from U.S. custody, but it was unclear if any would face further detention or prosecution in their home countries.

The official did not say where the prisoners would be sent and a military spokeswoman declined Sunday to provide details about future transfers from the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"We do expect there will be other transfers but because of operational procedures, I can't talk about any details," Lt. Col. Pamela Hart said.

"We only talk about detainee movements after an operation is complete."

The military official who spoke on condition that his name not be revealed said that one of the boys who would be transferred shot and killed a special operations soldier in Afghanistan, where a U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban regime in late 2001 and 11,500 American troops remain.

The military official did not provide details about the incident, including the boy's age, name or where and when the alleged shooting occurred. But he said that the boy apparently pretended to be dead, then opened fire on the American.

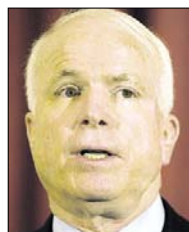
The United States holds about 660 prisoners from 44 countries at the base in eastern Cuba but the government declines to provide a breakdown of their citizenship, ages or the reasons they are being held.

The government has not charged them or given them access to lawyers.

The United States has released 88 of the prisoners since the government began holding suspects at the base in Cuba in January 2002.

FRANK GRIFFITHS (AP)

HEARSAY | CASH FLOW



"Congress is now spending money like a drunken sailor, and I've never known a sailor — drunk or sober — with the imagination that this Congress has."

—SEN. JOHN MCCAIN, R-ARIZ.

DISCUSSING RECENT LEGISLATION ON "FOX NEWS SUNDAY."

Roy Disney Resigns from Disney Board

LOS ANGELES | Disney vice chairman Roy E. Disney has resigned from the media giant's board of directors, sources close to the company said Sunday. He reportedly called on chairman Michael Eisner to resign as well.

Disney's resignation may be a pre-

emptive move to avoid being forced off the board of The Walt Disney Co. The board's governance committee has decided not to recommend Disney for another term because he is over the mandated retirement age of 72, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The full board is scheduled to meet Monday and Tuesday in New York. Board membership is on the meeting agenda.

Disney, nephew of company co-founder Walt Disney, did not immediately return calls on Sunday. (AP)



Disney

In Brief

DENVER

Colo. Supreme Court to Rule On Redistricting Challenge

The Colorado Supreme Court is expected to issue a long-awaited ruling Monday on whether the Republican-led legislature had the right to redraw congressional districts last year, a case closely watched by lawmakers around the nation. State GOP Chairman Ted Halaby

said the case could end up in the U.S. Supreme Court if there are conflicting decisions in Colorado and Texas, which also has a pending court challenge over redistricting. (AP)

ANN ARBOR, MICH.

U-Mich. Admissions Lag After Application Changes

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling that forced the University of Michigan to change the way it judges student applicants has slowed down the school's admission process. In

June, the Supreme Court ruled that the school's point system that gave minority applicants a better chance of acceptance was unconstitutional. As of mid-November, the school had admitted only 500 students for its 2004-2005 freshman class, compared to 1,500 last year. (AP)

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

'Safe' City Sees Five Killings During Holiday Weekend

San Jose — which averages only 23 homicides a year and is listed as one

of the safest cities in the country — had five killings over Thanksgiving weekend. The violence began Friday afternoon, when a 44-year-old man and his 49-year-old wife were found dead. Police declined to say how the couple died. Another man was killed in a drive-by shooting Saturday night.

Early Sunday morning, a 41-year-old was fatally stabbed at a nightclub, and half an hour later a 17-year-old boy was shot to death at a party. (AP)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Officials to Investigate Finances at Florida A&M

The board that oversees the state's higher education will investigate the finances of Florida A&M University, whose books are off by \$1.8 million, a newspaper reported Sunday. The school has been troubled by a series of financial problems, including late financial aid payments to students, theft charges against two employees and sloppy business practices, the St. Petersburg Times reported. (AP)

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Nation

Retail Season Starts Solid

Discount stores reap benefits by using deals to lure shoppers

NEW YORK | The Thanksgiving weekend gave the nation's retailers a solid start to the holiday season, but there still were plenty of signs that consumers are cautious and looking for bargains even if the economy is improving.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other discounters attracted crowds of shoppers with specials on TVs, DVD players and toys and had the

strongest sales. Department stores and mall-based apparel retailers were discounting less than they did last year, and their business was uneven.

Total retail sales Friday were up 4.8 percent to \$7.2 billion from the Friday after Thanksgiving a year ago, after posting a 6.8 percent gain last year over 2001 results, according to ShopperTrak, which tallies sales at 30,000 retail outlets.

While the Thanksgiving weekend starts the shopping spree, it no longer is the busiest period of the season. Last year, the weekend



Ryan Rogers, 4, strolls through Stony Point Fashion Park with his family while shopping in Richmond, Va., on Friday.

accounted for 10.1 percent of holiday sales, up from 8.4 percent in 2001. ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

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KRINGLE MINGLES: Santa Claus leads motorcyclists along Interstate 526 into Mt. Pleasant, S.C., during the 26th Lowcountry ABATE Toy Run on Sunday. Money and toys from the run were given to the Salvation Army.

Historians: It Wasn't Abe — Honest

Ill. scholars unearth the wittiest lines Lincoln never uttered

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. | When it comes to Abraham Lincoln, some of the people are fooled all of the time.

Remarks attributed to the quotable 16th president have popped up in everything from television commercials to speeches by famous generals, presidents and even recent anti-war protesters. Too often, they are phrases that Lincoln

never uttered, experts at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency say.

"He seems to provide validation for just about anything anybody wants to have validated, and if you can't find a Lincoln quote, you make one up," said Rodney Davis, co-director of the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College in Galesburg.

Quotes by a minister, a poet and even an actor portraying Lincoln on an episode of "Star Trek" have been attributed to the president, according to Illinois state historian Thomas Schwartz. JOHN O'CONNOR (AP)

(MIS)QUOTABLE LINCOLN

According to historians, Lincoln never said the following quotations attributed to him:

- "You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but cannot fool all the people all the time."
— Purportedly from an 1858 speech.
- "There's nothing good in war except its ending."
— Attributed to Lincoln, but actually made by an actor portraying the 16th president on "Star Trek."

World AIDS Day Comes on Heels Of Dire U.N. Report

ROME | Candlelight vigils and torchlight parades were planned around the globe Monday to mark World AIDS Day, while a U.S. delegation headed to hard-hit Africa to urge its leaders to increase awareness about the deadly virus.

The 80-member U.S. delegation headed by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson started its tour of sub-Saharan Africa on Sunday.

"This is a terribly serious problem," Thompson said. "It is time for all of us, especially from America, to do our part to prevent it."

The United Nations reported last week that 3 million people — more than ever before — died from AIDS in 2003, and another 5 million were infected. Between 34 million and 46 million people worldwide are believed to have the virus. (AP)

CHINA | WONDERLAND



AWESTRUCK: Three-year-old Chihiro Koike looks up at a Santa Claus at Tokyo's Imperial Hotel on Sunday. About 200 Santa and Mrs. Claus volunteers from the United States will travel to six countries to deliver goodwill messages.



BY THE NUMBERS: In most of western Europe, health care is still available for free or at little cost. In Sweden, patients pay for doctor visits, but never more than \$118 a year. The state also pays for all medicine costs above \$236.

Militants Keep Up Attacks on Allies

Coalition members pledge to stay in Iraq as 2 S. Koreans killed

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Insurgents killed two South Korean electricians Sunday, a day after seven Spaniards, two Japanese diplomats and a Colombian contractor were slain in roadside ambushes aimed at undermining international support for the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq.

Rebels also killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded a third, as U.S. and allied officials vowed that multinational forces would not be cowed in their mission to rebuild Iraq after the ouster of Saddam Hussein.

"They clearly are targeting coalition members," said coalition

spokesman Dan Senor. "The enemies of freedom ... are trying to break the coalition's will."

Spanish and Japanese officials said the deaths wouldn't change their commitments to Iraq.

"We know that a withdrawal would be the worst route we could take," Spain's Prime Minister Jose Marie Aznar said Sunday in a speech broadcast in Spain.

The South Koreans were shot Sunday while riding in a civilian car near Tikrit, a South Korean official said. At the scene of the attack, a blood-spattered, bullet-ridden SUV sat by the side of the road. NIKO PRICE (AP)

Iraq & Islam: Shiite clerics, the most influential figures in Iraq today, are tackling the role of Islam in the country's political life | Today's Post: Section A

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World

Syria Gives Suspects to Turks

22 people handed over for alleged connection to Istanbul bombings

ISTANBUL, TURKEY | Syria on Sunday handed over to Turkish authorities 22 people suspected of involvement in Turkey's quadruple suicide bombings, authorities said.

The suspects allegedly fled Turkey following the attacks in November on two synagogues, the British consulate and a British bank, which occurred within a week of one another and killed 61 people.

A police statement cited by Turkey's semiofficial news agency Anatolia said the 22 people included Hilmi Tugluoglu, whom it said was linked to Azat Ekinici.

News reports have named Ekinici as a possible suicide bomber, saying he used fake identities and cash to buy the pickup trucks containing the bombs. Reports said Ekinici had traveled to Iran, received military training in Pakistan and fought in Chechnya.

Authorities have charged more than 20 people in connection with the blasts. JAMES C. HELICKE (AP)

LINKS TO AL QAEDA

→ **A Turkish court has charged** another suspect with having given the order to carry out one of the synagogue bombings. Police have identified the man only by his initials, but nearly all major Turkish newspapers said he was Yusuf Polat, and that he and others had confessed to belonging to a 10-man cell that Polat claimed was an extension of al Qaeda. Several members of the cell reportedly met while training in Afghanistan. (AP)

NIGERIA | HOSTAGE PATROL



SEARCH: A woman in a canoe shares a waterway with a naval vessel in the Warri region of the Niger River delta on Sunday. Nigerian ships are patrolling the area's creeks in search of foreign workers for a Scottish oil pipeline company who were kidnapped by militants demanding a \$36,000 ransom.

In Brief

GEORGIA

Shevardnadze Accuses Soros Of Sponsoring Uprising

Former Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze accused multibillionaire philanthropist George Soros of donating millions of dollars to an uprising earlier this month that forced him to resign. In an interview published Sunday in an Israeli newspaper, Shevardnadze said the "principles and goals" of the Soros Foundation was to lead to a situation similar to Yugoslavia, where mass protests in 2000 led to Slobodan Milosevic's ouster. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban Frees Turkish Worker

Taliban insurgents freed a Turkish road engineer who was kidnapped a month ago in southern Afghanistan, officials said Sunday. Hasan Onal was abducted with his Afghan driver Oct. 30 while returning to a camp for workers repairing the Kabul-Kandahar highway. (AP)



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PAKISTAN

Indian Planes to be Allowed To Fly Over Pakistan Again

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Sunday that Pakistan will allow Indian airlines to resume flights in its airspace. The neighbors severed air service last year amid tensions that led them to the brink of war. (AP)

Taiwan's Leader Says Referendum Is Justified

President pushes for vote on independence from mainland China

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | Taiwan's leader on Sunday pointed to the hundreds of missiles China has aimed at this island as justification for his plans to hold an independence vote.

President Chen Shui-bian was firing back at the opposition, which accused him of seeking to abuse a law, passed last week, that allows him to use a "defensive ref-

erendum" to respond to China's threats. Speaking at a campaign rally Sunday, Chen noted that China has deployed a total of 496 missiles in southeastern provinces just across the Taiwan Strait.

Chen's announcement Saturday that he wants to hold the vote caused a big stir in Taiwan because China has repeatedly warned that such a move could spark a war.

Although the Communists have never ruled Taiwan, they insist the democratic island 100 miles off the mainland's coast belongs to China. (AP)

Region



Metro riders climb up a broken escalator in Dupont Circle. Escalator and elevator outages have plagued the transit system, but Metro says it has made improvements.

Metro Gives Itself A Perfect Score

Transit system says elevators, escalators are performing well

WASHINGTON | The Metro system's elevators and escalators are climbing toward peak performance, officials said, as an effort to rehabilitate the aging units picks up steam. But problems remain.

Officials gauging performance levels said last month that elevators received a perfect score in October, for a grade of "A+," and escalators earned a mid-level "A" — the highest scores for both since the rating system came into use in January.

Both dipped to "B" levels over the summer, but Metro said it has since made headway in reaching or beating targets for the number of working units, average time between failures, completion of preventative maintenance and reducing the number of elevators that frequently go

out of service.

More than 45 percent of the system's escalators, though — almost twice the target — had four or more failures in October.

Paul Gillum, acting director of Metro's elevator and escalator service, credited the boost in performance to a decision in August to restructure the three-year-old effort to rehabilitate the system's aging elevators and escalators, some of which date back to the 1970s.

Charlie Moussa, 31, arriving Sunday at the Court House station — where an escalator was out of service — didn't disagree on elevators but said he'd give escalators a "C."

"Perception is a very hard thing to change," said Gillum. He noted that unit failures are caused by breakdowns but also by safety devices that, for instance, will shut down an escalator when a penny falls into the comb plate at its base.

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Q Why can't we have "express" trains — e.g., every alternate train departing from Shady Grove on the Red Line would bypass Grosvenor (as trains originate from there as well) and go to Friendship Heights, then Dupont Circle, etc.?

A There's actually a good reason: They can't. The system was built with one track going in each direction, according to Jim Hughes, Metro's director of operations planning.

The only way one train could pass another — which does happen from time to time — would be to shut down the opposite track to oncoming trains and run everything in one direction. Don't hold your breath, either — Hughes said outfitting Metro with a passing track isn't something he sees on the horizon. **DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)**

Looking for answers to your Metro-related questions? E-mail Danny.Freedman@readexpress.com.

District Pitched as Holiday Hot Spot

WASHINGTON | The period from Thanksgiving Week through Martin Luther King's Birthday traditionally marks the slow season for hotels, restaurants and other firms dependent upon travelers drawn to Washington for government business.

But, according to Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-DC, this may be the best season for visitors to Washington since 2000 because many of the tours of the U.S. Capitol and White House, closed since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, are now open.

"There's really nothing you can't see," Norton said.



Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, and Peter Nostrand, president of the Christmas Pageant of Peace, add the star to the National Christmas Tree last week.

District residents and tourists can see the 80th lighting of the National Christmas Tree will be

Dec. 4 on the Ellipse, near the White House. Also, The Smithsonian plans holiday events. **DERRILL HOLLY (AP)**

'Black Friday' Golden for Local Stores

WOODBIDGE, VA. | The start of the holiday shopping season has Washington area stores seeing green.

Potomac Mills officials count-

ed more than 155,000 shoppers at the mall on "Black Friday" and over 122,000 people Saturday. Spokeswoman Jacquelin Young said the mall's 220 stores haven't

seen that many shoppers on "Black Friday" since 1999.

Young said Old Navy reported double-digit sales increases over the same time last year. She said other stores reported eight to ten percent jumps in sale figures. **(AP)**

In Brief

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Online Contest Canceled Due to Lack of Participants

An Alexandria woman who offered five properties worth more than \$3.5 million to winners of an online essay contest has canceled the contest after just a few months. Claudia Johnsen said not enough people submitted essays and paid the \$100 registration fee to maintain her Web site and keep the competition going. She said she will refund \$80 of the fee to each entrant and use the remaining \$20 to cover her costs. **(AP)**

WASHINGTON Guardian Angels Launch Anti-Gang Effort With Fliers

Guardian Angels launched an anti-gang program Sunday in Northwest Washington. The non-profit group handed out fliers in Mount Pleasant. The fliers in Spanish or English provide a 24-hour hot line for questions about fighting gangs. **(AP)**

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IS THIS ON SALE? Shoppers swarm at a Las Cruces, N.M., mall this past Friday.

Sales Hide Out

SHOPPING | Instead of using deep discounts to lure shoppers this holiday season, Domain Home Fashions is sending design consultants to their homes for free.

Bloomington's also plans to discount less, counting on upscale holiday decor and splashy merchandise to motivate shoppers. And Bergdorf Goodman is focusing on designer names that can't be found elsewhere to draw well-heeled shoppers.

As holiday shopping started in earnest Friday amid an improving economy, many of the nation's retailers — particularly department stores and apparel merchants — were stingier with markdowns than in past holiday seasons. They're counting on consumers to be so pleased with new services and exclusive merchandise that they'll be willing to pay full price.

Many retailers are hoping to wean shoppers away from the heavy discounts of the past, but some analysts question whether the strategy will work. Consumers have gotten used to putting off their shopping while they wait for prices to fall, and they may well force retailers to take heavy markdowns as the season progresses.

"This is definitely a high stakes Christmas," said John Morris, an analyst at Harris Nesbitt Gerard, estimating there were 10 percent fewer markdowns going into the season than there were a year ago at the 25 apparel chains he follows. That's the first decline since 1998.

"We're moving away from a period of uncertainty, and consumers are feeling a little bit better, but they are still tentative," he added.

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

Have you been naughty or nice? Michelle Singletary chats about controlling your holiday spending. Wednesday at 1 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Don't Know Much About Insurance

CARS | When it comes to the fundamentals of auto insurance rates, adults and teen drivers both have a few things to learn. Quizzing a group of 1,000 teens and 1,000 adults, the nation's third-biggest car insurer found the two groups were about equally knowledgeable.

Nearly three of four teens didn't know that your credit history plays a role in how much you pay for auto insurance. Among adults, 63 percent didn't know this, either.

Nearly a third of adults said the color of a car would affect the cost to insure it. More than a fifth of teens, 22 percent, also believed color was used to set rates. It's not.

Only 2 percent of teens believed age is not a factor in setting rates; 9 percent of adults were laboring under that misconception.

The survey was conducted by Progressive Corp. JUSTIN BACHMAN (AP)

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Careers



Carlita Cane at her holiday cashier job.

Get a Job for Christmas

JOBS | Just in time for the holidays, Carlita Cane got a cashier's job at a Cracker Barrel restaurant and store in Nashville, Tenn. She is hoping to keep it after Christmas — and Cracker Barrel would also like her to stay.

With the economy improving, many U.S. retailers are doing more than taking on extra help for the

holidays. They are hoping to keep the new hires afterward.

Holiday business is expected to be stronger than it was in 2002, with analysts predicting an average sales increase of 4 to 5 percent over last year.

But as the labor market improves, competition for workers will increase and stores will

probably find it harder to hold on to employees.

"A lot of people took jobs in retail because nothing else was available. Those people will be rotating out as new jobs are offered, so many retailers will be getting a little more

aggressive in hiring," said Burt P. Flickinger III of Strategic Resource Group in New York.

Many stores are hiring additional employees as usual for the Christmas season but do not plan to keep them on after the holidays.

For example, Circuit City recently took on 12,000 workers, spokesman Steve Mullen said. Still, most of the new hires will work only through Dec. 31. **KARIN MILLER (AP)**

Jobs that are better than yours: Jim Citrin discusses his book, "The Five Patterns of Extraordinary Careers," today at 1 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

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Men Behaving Badly

Martin Amis's 'Yellow Dog' features his usual macho rogue's gallery

BOOKS | One of the many themes percolating in Martin Amis's latest novel, "Yellow Dog" (Miramax Books) is society's preoccupation with fame. Given that his books inevitably spark vitriolic media feeding-frenzies almost as captivating and strange as the British author's prose, it's hard to resist matching fiction to reality.

Let's hope that Amis shares none of the qualities that stain most of the male characters in the entertaining, provocative "Yellow Dog."

They are paragons of nastiness — from incestuous to misogynist to lovers of all things violent and pornographic. It is a testament to the author's brilliant comic timing that the novel's most vile characters elicit the biggest (if slightly shamefaced) laughs.

The middling British actor and writer Xan Meo acquires his brutishness after being clobbered on the head by mysterious assailants. Once a "perfect" husband and father, he undergoes a dramatic devolution.

But like Darth Vader before him, Xan is never quite overtaken by the dark side. His struggle to regain his former self forms the novel's compelling and oddly tender core.

Several arduously intersecting



ISABEL FONSECA/AP

"Unconsciously, and not for long at a time, men miss women being tractable, and women miss men being decisive; but we can't say that," gripes Xan to his wife, Russia, after she's sent him packing.

plots jostle around him: the tabloid hack Clint Smoker; the aging, vicious Joseph Andrews; the wonderfully bland King Henry IX of England; and the malevolent corpse Royce Traynor.

The post-trauma Xan is more disturbing but also more alive and complex than the bionic man who preceded him. One of his new thoughts (and a recurrent idea in the novel) is that modern-day relations between the sexes have sacrificed honesty and heat to achieve a somewhat shallow stability.

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Overcrowding hounds "Yellow Dog." As the novel's unrelenting exploration of the male id continues in Southern California's thriving pornography industry, Amis's interlocking plots threaten to collapse his critique of 21st-century culture.

But threatening is not the same as overwhelming. Though Amis's reach occasionally gets him in trouble, it also creates a sense of layered realities and perceptions that capture the pervasive sense of unreality and dislocation in much of contemporary society.

CLAUDIA LA ROCCO (AP)



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Gallery Talk: Where's 'Baby's First Xmas?'

I Mondays and Wednesdays through December, National Gallery lecturer Philip Leonard will lecture on "The Christmas Story in Art" — talks about paintings in the Natty Gal's collection that have seasonal themes.

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The AIDS Memorial Quilt in 1996, inspiration for "December 1st Project."

World AIDS Day: Requiem for a Quilt

2 The AIDS Memorial Quilt is too fragile to appear again on the Mall, so D.C. Different Drummers and the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington commissioned "December 1st Project" to capture the quilt in song and spirit. It premieres today, World AIDS Day.

Clarice Smith Center, University Boulevard and Stadium Drive, College Park; 8 p.m. \$30; 301-405-2787.

Holiday Cabaret: Jazz Up the Season

3 There's no business like snow business when cabaret artists Joanne Schmoll and Wendy Lane Bailey belt out holiday tunes, trad and neo. James Fitzpatrick is at the piano, and everything's coming up poinsettias.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW, 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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A Brand-New Keys

MUSIC | When Alicia Keys's debut album arrived in 2001, it was clear that this New Yorker was an immense talent — a singer-songwriter with an artistry and taste far beyond the reach of all her young female pop and R&B rivals. The main question was how she would employ those gifts.

That first album, "Songs in A Minor," seemed like a musical sampler as Keys moved with ease from the youthful Top 40 zest of



Our little girl's all crown up: Alicia Keys goes from versatile to keenly focused.

"Girlfriend" to the edgier, more sensual currents of Prince's "How Come U Don't Call Me Anymore?" to the neo-soul elegance of "Fallin'."

She chooses one path for "The Diary of Alicia Keys" (J), and it's a welcome one. Keys employs arrangements (sometimes lavish, sometimes intimate) that update the musical sensibilities of the '60s and '70s soul tradition. She even salutes that glorious pop period by including a version of the

Gladys Knight hit "If I Were Your Woman" in the album.

As the title suggests, the themes deal with romantic complexities, from moments of confusion to infatuation to devotion. At one point, Keys, who co-wrote most of the songs, declares about relationships, "Now it's hardly simple, it's simply hard."

Generally, Keys, still just 22, is more accomplished as a singer than writer at this point, but she makes each moment on the album seem real and her own, a liberating break from the calculated, anonymous tone of most commercial R&B and pop these days.

ROBERT HILBURN
(LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Entertainment

Honestly, He's Brutal

The grinch who stole pop dreams tells all

PERSONALITY | Simon Cowell is not afraid of stirring up controversy.

And the famously blunt judge of "American Idol" and the U.K.'s "Pop Idol" does not hold back on his opinions in his brutally honest book, "I Don't Mean to Be Rude, But ...," due Dec. 2.

An interview with Cowell revealed his thoughts on "American Idol" and the music business.

How do you respond to criticism that you are unnecessarily cruel and harsh to the contestants?

What I do on the show is an extension of what I've learned. And I've learned more from people in the business giving me a reality check than fake praise. So I have no qualms about doing the same in my job.

What's the best and worst thing about "American Idol"?

The best thing is the show really does make dreams come true.

Someone like Clay Aiken would never have had a No. 1 record if he hadn't been on "American Idol."

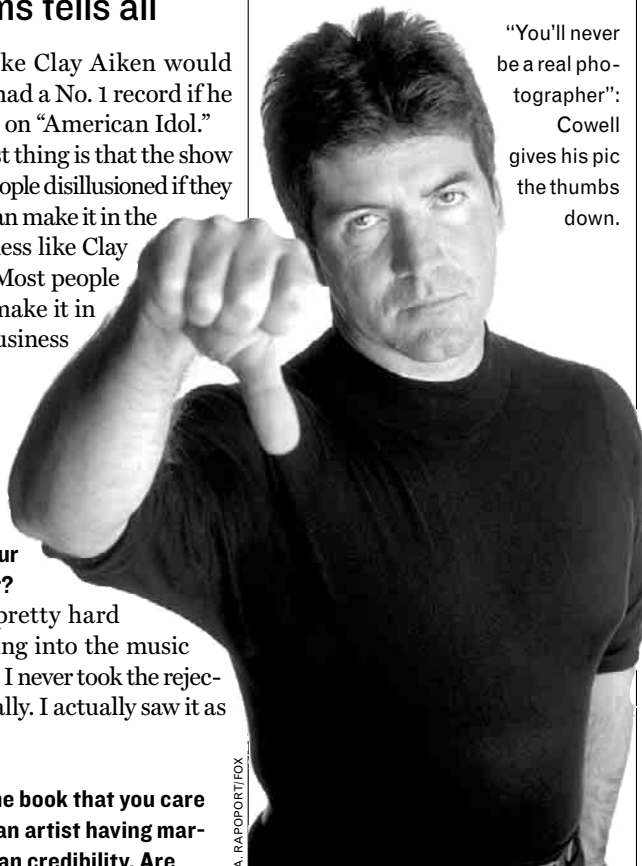
The worst thing is that the show can make people disillusioned if they think they can make it in the music business like Clay Aiken did. Most people who try to make it in the music business never will.

What's the most important thing you've learned in your music career?

I had a pretty hard time breaking into the music business but I never took the rejection personally. I actually saw it as a challenge.

You say in the book that you care more about an artist having marketability than credibility. Are

"You'll never be a real photographer": Cowell gives his pic the thumbs down.



A. RAPOPORT/FOX

there any "American Idol" contestants you think have both?

It's too early to know which ... will be long-term superstars. But I do think that Clay Aiken is the best thing to happen to "American Idol." He changed the competition.

You also say in your book that Madonna and Britney Spears are two superstars who are making mistakes. Are there any superstars you think are great examples of how a career should be handled?

Even among hit recording artists who are talented, most don't have what it takes to be a superstar in areas outside of music. You've got to have that driving ambition and what I call "The X Factor"—an indefinable charisma that sets you apart from everyone else. Jennifer Lopez has it. Beyonce has it.

You've completed the audition process for the third "American Idol" season. What can viewers expect? (The third season of "American Idol" premieres Jan. 20, 2004, on Fox-TV.)

The audition sequences are the funniest so far. It's getting harder to find real talent until the top-10 or top-12. CARLA HAY (BILLBOARD.COM)

TopStops

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Spinning, Not Singing: Ndegeocello as DJ

4 Me'Shell Ndegeocello takes a turn at the tables as celebrity guest-DJ at this benefit for HIV/AIDS awareness. The organizers suggest a donation of \$20 at the door or \$10 with your RSVP.

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ON TV TONIGHT

IT'S A BLUNDERFUL LIFE

COMFORT AND JOY (8 p.m., Lifetime) Nancy McKeon stars in this cable fantasy as Jane Berry, a harried, unmarried corporate workaholic attached to a vain Peter Pan boyfriend. On the way to an office Christmas party, her Jaguar spins out of control and hits a telephone pole.

Dazed and bloodied, Jane sees a handsome man, Sam (Steven Ekholdt), who tells her, to her horror, that he's her husband and they have two kids. Oh, and

she's a full-time mom. The next hour is like a slow-motion nightmare. The movie gets particularly weird when Jane frightens the kids and her "son" asks, "Mommy are you nuts?" This uncomfortable post-feminist fantasy unfolds like a psychotic episode.

UNHAPPY REMEMBRANCE

AIDS: A POP CULTURE HISTORY (9 p.m., VH1) This documentary traces the ways that the disease has been depicted in popular entertainment, and how the illness and deaths of film, television and music industry stars have influenced the way the public has learned about AIDS.

The film recalls the films, songs and personalities that put a human face on the epidemic, and those who have become spokesmen for those living with HIV.

Other programming observing World AIDS Day includes **NICK NEWS WITH LINDA ELLERBEE** (9 p.m., Nickelodeon), with a report on the disease's effect on South Africa, where upwards of 1,000 infected people die every day. The documentary **TO LIVE IS BETTER THAN TO DIE** (7 p.m., Cinemax) examines one HIV-infected family in China's rural Henan province.



Emily Proctor and David Caruso show off their blood-repellent casual wear.

DRESSED TO KILL

CSI: MIAMI (10 p.m., CBS) Murder puts a wrinkle in Fashion Week.

HUNKS VS. HERBERTS

AVERAGE JOE (10 p.m., CBS) The house grows less crowded.

CULT CHOICE

DAZED AND CONFUSED (7:30 p.m., Comedy Central) Jason London, Milla Jovovich, Adam Goldberg, Matthew McConaughey and Ben Affleck appear in director Richard Linklater's 1993 ode to the Austin, Texas, teen scene circa 1976. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Sports

Deuce Runs Wild Against Redskins

Washington's defense once again loses late lead in 24-20 defeat

PRO FOOTBALL | All Deuce, all the time. Except for the touchdowns.

Deuce McAllister did everything but score for the New Orleans Saints on Sunday. He had his ninth consecutive 100-yard rushing game, running for 165 yards on 30 carries and catching four passes for 31 more in a 24-20 victory over the Washington Redskins.

The victory moved the Saints (6-6) back to .500 and kept their playoff hopes realistic for at least another week. The Redskins (4-8) have lost three straight and seven of eight, and the defense failed to hold a lead by giving up the winning drive in the fourth quarter for the third straight week.

Aaron Brooks ran for two scores and passed for another, but McAllister handled the ball



Rock Cartwright scores a touchdown in Washington's 24-20 loss on Sunday.

on 35 of New Orleans' 67 offensive plays. His ninth consecutive 100-yard game ties him for third all-time with Walter Payton and Fred Taylor. Barry Sanders holds the record with 14.

The game marred Tim

Hasselbeck's first NFL start. With Patrick Ramsey out with a foot injury, Hasselbeck completed 22 of 42 passes for 232 yards with

one interception.

Ten of Washington's 12 games have been decided by seven points or fewer. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Hindsight: Columnists Michael Wilbon and Tony Kornheiser discuss Sunday's game between the Redskins and Saints | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 1:30 p.m.

In Brief

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Georgia Wins SEC Tiebreaker

Georgia secured its spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game Sunday, setting up a rematch with LSU next weekend. The fifth-ranked Bulldogs tied for first in the East Division with Tennessee and Florida, bringing in the SEC's convoluted tiebreaker system based on a combination of the BCS standings and head-to-head meetings. The league announced Sunday afternoon that Georgia got the nod for the title game. (AP)

GOLF

Sorenstam Places Second in Skins Game Won by Couples

Annika Sorenstam earned another \$50,000 on Sunday but finished second to Fred Couples, the grand master of the Skins Game who won his record fourth championship. Couples won all but \$25,000 of his \$605,000 on the final day of the event. Sorenstam, the first woman to compete in the 21-year history of the game, earned \$225,000. (AP)



Sorenstam

AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 15

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Southern Cal
- 3 LSU
- 4 Michigan
- 5 Georgia
- 6 Texas
- 7 Tennessee
- 8 Ohio State
- 9 Florida State
- 10 Miami (Fla.)
- 11 Purdue
- 12 Iowa
- 13 Kansas State
- 14 Miami (Ohio)
- 15 Washington State

Patriots Stuff Colts' Comeback Try

New England improves record to 10-2 with eighth-straight victory

PRO FOOTBALL | New England's Willie McGinest kept Edgerrin James out of the end zone to preserve yet another thrilling victory.

With 14 seconds left Sunday, McGinest shot around the right side of the Indianapolis Colts' offensive line on fourth-and-goal and tackled James in the backfield to give the Patriots a 38-34 victory.

The Patriots have now won eight straight, the longest streak in the NFL, and are 10-2 for the first time



The Colts' Edgerrin James is stopped by the Patriots' Mike Vrabel Sunday.

in franchise history.

Indianapolis (9-3) dropped out of first place in the AFC South, at least momentarily.

For the Colts, it was yet another

er wild game in which Peyton Manning rallied them from a 21-point second half deficit. But after completing 29 of 48 passes for 278 yards and four touchdowns, Manning's heroics ran out.

He moved the Colts 47 yards on their final drive, getting three chances to win it from the 1-yard line in the game's final 37 seconds.

But the Patriots stuffed James on second-and-goal and Manning couldn't connect with Aaron Moorehead on third-and-goal. After a timeout, the Colts called a draw play to James, but McGinest tackled the back for a loss.

MICHAEL MAROT (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Oklahoma on Sunday was No. 1 in the AP Poll for the 95th time in the poll's history, tying Notre Dame for the record. (AP)

Cavaliers, Hokies Will Go Bowling

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Virginia on Sunday accepted a bid to the Continental Tire Bowl and will play Pittsburgh on Dec. 27 in Charlotte. Virginia won the inaugural Tire Bowl last season. The Cavaliers (7-5) earned a trip back by finishing tied for fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Pitt

(8-4) had to settle for the non-BCS bowl after losing 28-14 Saturday night to Miami.

Meanwhile, Virginia Tech, which lost to Virginia Saturday, accepted a bid to play in the Insight Bowl. The Hokies (8-4) will play a Pac-10 team to be determined in the Dec. 26 game in Phoenix. (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

PRO FOOTBALL (9 p.m. on ABC) The 9-2 Tennessee Titans may be without Steve McNair when they visit the 4-7 New York Jets.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Northwestern (2-2) plays Florida State (4-0) as part of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN2) No. 21 Notre Dame takes on No. 23 Marquette in a non-conference contest.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (11 p.m. on ESPN2) No. 6 Kansas, which defeated Michigan State already this season, plays TCU (1-1).

SUNDAY'S NFL RESULTS

- New England 38, Indianapolis 34
- St. Louis 48, Minnesota 17
- Buffalo 24, NY Giants 7
- Cincinnati 24, Pittsburgh 20
- Philadelphia 25, Carolina 16
- Baltimore 44, San Francisco 6
- Houston 17, Atlanta 13
- Chicago 28, Arizona 3
- New Orleans 24, Washington 20
- Denver 22, Oakland 8
- Kansas City 28, San Diego 24
- Seattle 34, Cleveland 7

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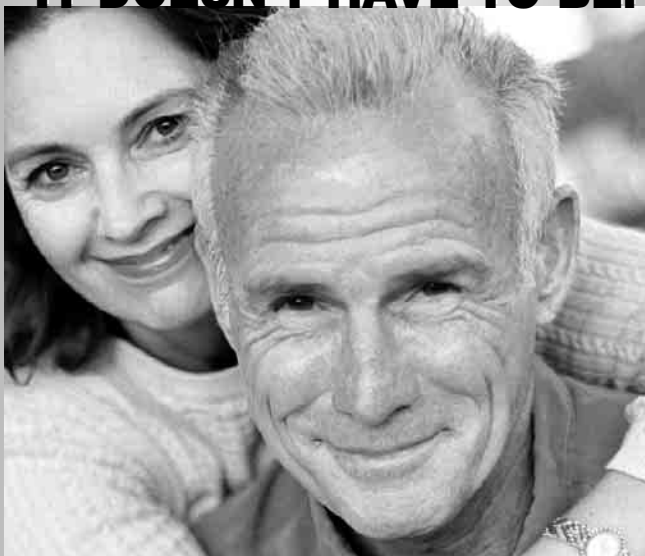
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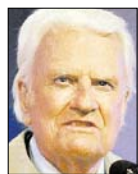
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MEMORIALS

Street Punk

The corner of Second Street and Bowery near the legendary CBGB nightclub in New York was christened "**JOEY RAMONE Place**" on Sunday for The Ramones' lead singer, who died of cancer in 2001 at 49. Mom **CHARLOTTE LESHER**, left, was in attendance. The band, whose four members grew up in Queens, recorded its first album in 1976. (AP)

DUI

Chasing Amy Around The Gas Station Parking Lot

Actress **JOEY LAUREN ADAMS**, who appeared in "Chasing Amy," was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, San Diego police said. Adams, 38, was later released on her own recognizance. She was arrested Friday after an officer saw her pull into a gas station and stop after hitting the curb a few times. (AP)



Tiger and soon-to-be Tigress Woods.

BETROTHALS

Tiger Hands Over the Rock

TIGER WOODS and his Swedish girlfriend, **ELIN NORDEGREN**, are engaged. A spokesman for the Shamwari Game Reserve in South Africa said that Woods proposed during a sunset walk at the park. When the couple left Friday aboard a private jet, he added, Nordegren had a "huge diamond on her finger." (AP)

RECOVERIES

Stage Fright Sets In

Singer **MEAT LOAF**, who underwent heart surgery after collapsing onstage in London last week, said Friday that doctors have cleared

him to resume his stalled British tour. "I've never really been nervous about going onstage, but I'm a little bit nervous," Meat Loaf told reporters in London. "I'm having a few anxiety attacks." (AP)

VIOLENCE

Don't Mix With This Quik

Rapper and producer **DJ QUIK** is wanted by San Bernardino County authorities for allegedly storming into his sister's home and repeat-

edly punching her in the face. A \$50,000 arrest warrant was issued this week after county prosecutors charged Quik, whose given name is David Martin Blake, with burglary and assault. (AP)

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

REGARDING THE STORY about the new trend to have DVD players or VCRs in minivans (Nov. 26): When I was a kid, my parents packed me and four other kids in the station wagon and drove several hundred miles each summer for some destination. As grown-ups some of our best memories are from those trips — the card games, the license plate games, even the fights. Staring out the window into different towns, different states, different sights lit my imagination. Kids are imagination factories. Why do we feel we must supply it for them at all times?

— SKYE HENDERSON
Fairfax, Va.

NOTE: Last Wednesday's edition included the wrong solution to Tuesday's puzzle. The correct solution appears below.

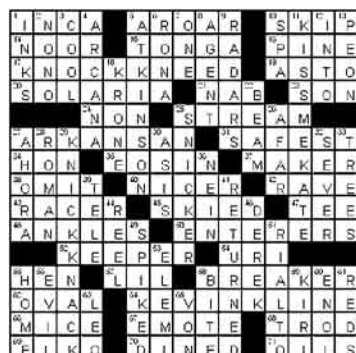
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Wednesday's Solution



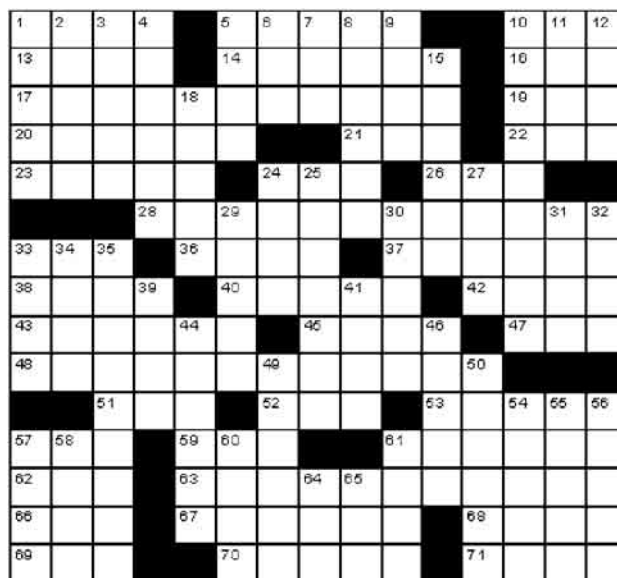
Tuesday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Crazy for You | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 French painter Bonheur
- 5 Fury
- 10 End of a Cuban countdown
- 13 Holidays, almost
- 14 Bona fide
- 16 Part of wpm
- 17 Frenzied rush
- 19 Globe-trotting journalist Nellie
- 20 Swore off cooking
- 21 Happened upon
- 22 T. follower
- 23 Reform Party founder
- 24 Org. for Rehnquist
- 26 "___ Loves You" (Beatles hit)
- 28 Nitty-gritty
- 33 Trendy
- 36 Pressure source, sometimes
- 37 Fan's second look
- 38 Declare
- 40 Endangered giant
- 42 Net
- 43 Edit
- 45 Floorboard suppliers
- 47 Pocketlike structure
- 48 Bulgur
- 51 Snowboard cousin
- 52 Kay chaser
- 53 Tear apart
- 57 WWII figure



- 59 Basketball hoop
- 61 Navy builder
- 62 Eco-friendly feds
- 63 Landed
- 66 Creative endeavor
- 67 Flashing light
- 68 Hemingway's posthumous "The Garden of ___"
- 69 Colorful compound

- 70 Fabled storyteller
- 71 Word sung twice after "Que"

DOWN

- 1 Plot differently
- 2 Like Humpty Dumpty
- 3 Passover event
- 4 Part of ASAP
- 5 Toad-handling consequence, in

- folklore
- 6 VCR maker
- 7 Source of ready money
- 8 Underground Railroad leader
- 9 Vigorous
- 10 Beach sights
- 11 Its branches are White and Blue

- 12 Jewelry stone
- 15 Refrains from bothering
- 18 Clown around
- 24 Like the Owl and the Pussy-cat
- 25 Farm's rat catcher
- 27 Great expectations
- 29 Cheyenne shelter
- 30 Mallard male
- 31 Setting for 1939 Best Picture
- 32 Lip-___ (mouth the words)
- 33 Arthur the aardvark's creator Brown
- 34 Kaput
- 35 Lay waste
- 39 Nelson or Mears
- 41 "James and the Giant Peach" author
- 44 Avoids, as an issue
- 46 Stuffed
- 49 Shyly modest
- 50 Wall Street activities
- 54 Residence
- 55 Underground channel
- 56 Auburn
- 57 Cabbage unit
- 58 Agile
- 60 Teeny bit
- 61 Ooze
- 64 Trig ratio
- 65 Premium cable channel

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Advice you receive from one who is outside your immediate circle may be suspect. Do what you can to minimize risks and dangers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keep a lid on your sense of humor. Events and developments may demand a more serious, down-to-earth approach. Avoid extremes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Once you begin assuming things, you can be sure you're on the verge of making some major mistakes. Take things as they come.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Don't be careless; precautions may demand more in the way of preparation, but they can

extend your own longevity considerably.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You've been wearing your heart on your sleeve lately, and it's time to start protecting yourself a little more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A decision that concerns finances may not be possible without some timely assistance from a good friend or trusted adviser. Don't wait; ask now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Concern yourself more with staying power than with variations or embellishments. Get the job done — cleanly and efficiently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's all a matter of perspective, and you are perfectly suited to accept differing points of view

right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't impose your point of view on others without first considering the validity of the opposing side.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is no way to avoid making mistakes, but you can avoid any lasting negative effects of even the most blatant errors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Try not to be testy or grumpy with others; it is only misdirected frustration you are expressing. Guard against excessive moodiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You're more interested in friendship than in love. Complications may find you recoiling from an otherwise good thing if you're not careful.

NORTH KOREA

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post foreign correspondent **ANTHONY FAIOLA** was online last week to discuss his three-day assignment in North Korea.

Given the U.S. invasion of Iraq and given that the president has included North Korea in the "Axis of Evil," do you have the sense that North Koreans feel they might be next? If so, are they changing any of their policies or military activities, aside from their continuation of their nuclear program?

The North Koreans do seem to have a palpable fear of being the next Iraq, and insist they are going after nuclear technology as a deterrent. Lately, the North Koreans have seemed more interested in talking and have toned down their rhetoric. But it's hard to tell if that indicates a real change.

How did the North Koreans compare to the South Korean tourists with respect to weight, height, demeanor, overall appearance, etc.?

The North Koreans were clearly smaller and shorter than the South Koreans, which seemed to be an obvious indication of the difference in nutrition between capitalist south and communist north.

How do people in North Korea view their brothers and sisters in South Korea?

After years of deep mistrust, it seems as if at least some North Koreans are warming up to the South, mostly because recent South Korean administrations, as well as university students there, are much more sympathetic to the North than South Koreans were during the Cold War.

Did you get the impression that the people being interviewed were briefed on what they should say and what they could not say?

Absolutely, many answers were identical, despite the fact that the people being interviewed were in different areas and had different positions. But sometimes, I was surprised by the candor and curiosity of the North Koreans — especially their desire to know about U.S. politics.

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